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SUBJECT: ASEAN FOLLOW-UP: LETTER TO FONMIN UPPADIT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FONMIN
UPPADIT. PLEASE PLASS ADVANCE COPY; SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING
POUCHED.

QTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

UPON YOUR RETURN TO BANGKOK, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND THE CON-
TRIBUTION BY THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION TO
THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING. IN MY VIEW, WE MADE IMPORTANT
PROGRESS DURING THE DIALOGUE. MY COLLEAGUES IN THE
ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS AS WELL AS PRIVATE AMERICANS
ARE RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASEAN. THERE ARE, OF
COURSE, ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED, SUCH AS AN AGREEMENT ON
THE COMMON FUND, BUT WITH JOINT EFFORTS WE SHOULD BE ABLE
TO ACHIEVE CONTINUING PROGRESS.

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YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF THE OTHER STATES WILL
BE HEARING FROM OUR EMBASSIES SOON ON HOW WE CAN WORK
TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT CONCRETELY THE GENERAL AGREEMENTS,
REACHED IN WASHINGTON ON US-ASEAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY,

BUSINESS RELATIONS AND INVESTMENT, TRADE, SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY, NARCOTICS, REFUGEES, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS, AND OTHER FIELDS. I AM SURE YOU SHARE MY BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US THAT PROGRESS BE AS RAPID AS POSSIBLE.

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED THE ATMOSPHERE OF OUR MEETING. IT WAS QUITE IN KEEPING WITH A FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGE BY FRIENDS WHO HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. IN THAT REGARD, WE INTEND TO INCREASE OUR EXCHANGES WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT ON SUCH ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN AS DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE EFFORTS YOU UNDERTOOK TO GAIN GREATER CONGRESSIONAL UNDERSTANDING, NOT ONLY FOR ASEAN BUT OF THE LARGE AND GROWING PROBLEM OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. SUCH MEETINGS WERE AN EXTRA BONUS STEMMING FROM THE DIALOGUE WHICH WILL BE OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT.

NOW THAT THE ASEAN-US RELATIONSHIP IS FIRMLY LAUNCHED, I HOPE WE CAN MEET AS OPPORTUNITY WARRANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THAILAND, ASEAN AND THE REGION. AN IMPORTANT OCCASION, OF COURSE, WILL BE THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLY NEXT YEAR OF PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK.

SINCERELY. END QTE. VANCE

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